

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Please cancel claims 1-9, 16, 17, and 20.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)

Please amend claims 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 18 as follows:

(10) (Currently Amended) ~~The A system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the system further comprises~~ comprising:

a first module configured to convert input text to audible speech in a selected language, the audible speech indicative of a model;

a second module synchronized to the first module, the second module producing an animated image of a human face and head pronouncing the audible speech;

a user interface positioned to receive utterances spoken by a user in response to

a prompt to replicate the audible speech;

a third module configured to recognize the utterances and provide feedback to the user, the feedback being comprised of at least one of a score, an icon and an audio segment reflecting a precision at which the user replicates the speech in the selected language based on a comparison of the utterances to one of the audible speech and the model; and

a record and playback module.

11. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 4 10 wherein the system further includes a table storing mapping information between word subgroups and vocabulary words.

12. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 4 10 wherein the system further includes a table storing mapping information between words and vocabulary words.

13. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 4 10 wherein the system further includes a table storing mapping information between words and examples of parts of speech.

14. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 4 10 wherein the system includes tables of punctuation.

15. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 4 10 wherein the system includes specific pronunciation files.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 4 19 further comprising receiving the input text from one of a network, a stored lesson file, a scanner, and the internet.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The A method as set forth in claim 17 wherein~~ for voice interactive language instruction comprising:
converting input text data to audible speech data;
generating audible speech comprising phonemes based on the audible speech data;
outputting the audible speech through an audio output device;
generating an animated image of a face and head pronouncing the audible speech;
synchronizing the audible speech and the video image;
prompting a user to replicate the audible speech;
recognizing utterances generated by the user in response to the prompting;
comparing the audible speech to the utterances; and,
providing feedback to the user based on the comparison, the feedback being comprised of at least one of a score, an icon and an audio segment reflecting a precision at which the user replicates the audible speech and the feedback comprises providing being further comprised of a playback of selected portions of the audible speech and utterances.

20. (Canceled)